

The City & Royal Burgh of Elgin Community Council

Held in Moray Council Chambers on Tuesday 12th September 2017 at 7.00pm

1.	<u>Sederunt and Apologies.</u> (* Associate, ** Youth)	<u>ACTION</u>
a.	<p><u>MEMBERS</u></p> <p>Alastair KENNEDY(Chair), Steven CHRISTIE, David CHAPMAN*, Douglas CLARK, Patsy GOWANS*, Catriona GRAY, Aileen MARSHALL Pat PATERSON, Mary WALL, Eddie WALLACE, Gordie WELLS, Jim WISEMAN (Minutes).</p> <p><u>IN ATTENDANCE:</u></p> <p>Cllr Frank BROWN, Cllr Paula COY, Cllr John DIVERS, Hazel LAWSON (Northern Scot), Eily WEBSTER (Moray Council), Martin BRUCE (Scotia) Graeme DAVIDSON (Moray Council), Glen MOON (Curtin's Transport Planning), Chris GRAY (Open Architects), Stacey MACDONALD,</p> <p><u>APOLOGIES</u></p> <p>Gordon METHVEN(Sec'), Bryan WATSON(Vice Chair), Iain CATTO*, Steven MILNE, Gordie WELLS.</p>	
b.	<p><u>WELCOME</u></p> <p>Alastair Kennedy welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>	
c.	<p><u>SPEAKER</u></p> <p>Stacey Macdonald - Network Rail</p> <p>The level crossing will be closed to all traffic for 10 days from 6/11/2017. Road and pedestrian traffic will be stopped from 6pm and rail traffic will be stopped at the end of the day. The station platforms will also be unavailable during this time. The ticket machine will be accessible and staff will be able to issue tickets during this 10 day period. Buses will replace trains and will leave from the carpark in front of the station.</p> <p>Part of the work being undertaken is removal of the signal box for which viewing platforms will be erected. The new level crossing will be operational from 17/10/2017 controlled from Inverness.</p> <p>James Wiseman asked about the two planning applications and explained the community council's reasons for objecting. Stacey reported that Network Rail had canvassed opinion from neighbouring residents and they were agreeable to the proposal however, it was noted that some of those residents had objected. Stacey confirmed that the fence heights had been lowered but a 1.8m high fence was required adjacent to the double track railway.</p> <p>Douglas Clark asked for some investigation into the high number of train delays attributed to signal failure. Stacey Macdonald was unaware of these and was asked to look into it.</p>	
d.	<p><u>SPEAKER</u></p> <p>Bilbohall Master Plan</p> <p>A consortium of Grampian Housing, Scotia Homes and Moray Council are developing the Bilbohall Master Plan. They outlined the site assessment, its character, the Master Plan principles and transport strategy. In the transport strategy they discussed options for the entrance across Mayne Farm Bridge and for the Edgar Road/The Wards junction. A public event will take place on 1st November 2017 from 2pm to 8pm in the Moray College UHI. Eily Webster explained that this was our opportunity to influence the development.</p> <p>Aileen Marshall asked about the mix of housing in particular of social and affordable housing.</p>	All
2.	<p><u>PREVIOUS MINUTES</u></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 8th August 2017 were not read out and a proposer and seconder were sought. Steven Christie proposed, Pat Paterson seconded with no objections therefore the minutes were adopted as a true record of meeting.</p>	
3.	<p><u>MATTERS ARISING.</u></p> <p>Cathedral Lights – Done</p>	

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	<p>Community Wardens – Report to go in the safety bulletin</p> <p>Operational Plan – Done</p> <p>Rural Parliament – No takers from the JCC to attend</p> <p>Fair Trade - report to be circulated</p> <p>Giant Hogweed – Landowners information is not available under data protection</p> <p>Licensing training – will be available for the next CC members</p> <p>Boxing club – Application was approved and is causing difficulties with residents parking.</p> <p>Free WIFI at Train Station – Awaiting Response</p> <p>Rail punctuality – AK to contact Stacey Macdonald.</p>	<p>AK</p> <p>AK</p> <p>AK</p>
4.	<u>AGENCY UPDATES</u>	
a.	<p><u>POLICE SCOTLAND</u></p> <p>No Update</p>	
b.	<p><u>STAGECOACH</u></p> <p>No Update</p>	
c.	<p><u>COMMUNITY WARDEN</u></p> <p>No Update</p>	
d.	<p><u>CONSULTATIONS</u></p> <p>Community Safety – Survey Monkey. Members asked to complete this. - Done</p> <p>Transport Strategy – left on agenda due to it going to a special meeting of the council on 9th August. Cllr John Divers gave a brief update on this.</p> <p>Climate change bill consultation – Patsy Gowans advised that this was perhaps better given to the new CC.</p> <p>Consultation on the updated Developer Obligations Supplementary Guidance – Link to be emailed</p>	<p>AK</p>
5.	<u>COMMITTEE REPORTS</u>	
a.	<p><u>PLANNING</u></p> <p>Responses to recent railway planning applications were discussed in the light of Stacey's update and it was agreed they would stand.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
b.	<p><u>FAIR TRADE AND ENVIRONMENT</u></p> <p>The stall at the food and drink festival was well attended and the team were happy with the response. Starbucks were excellent supporters as were all the other shops, such as Marks and Spencers, committed to carrying fair trade products. It was worrying to hear that Sainsbury's and Cadbury's were choosing to do their own schemes rather than submit to the rigour of the Fair Trade mark.</p>	
c.	<p><u>ROADS & TRANSPORTATION</u></p> <p>No update</p>	
d.	<p><u>HEALTH AND WELLBEING</u></p> <p>Aileen Marshall updated the CC on meetings she and Patsy Gowans had held with Dr David Evans and reps from the parents' group concerned about the children's ward at Dr Gray's. Aileen Marshall, Catriona Gray and Patsy Gowans confirmed that if present in the new CC they would take up the case for hospital services in Elgin with the NHS Grampian CEO. It was agreed that this was necessary and worthwhile.</p>	
e.	<p><u>LICENSING</u></p> <p>No update</p>	
f.	<u>EDUCATION</u>	

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	High School is being opened on 6/10/2017	
g.	<u>ELGIN SOUTH GROUP</u>	
	Recent meeting was curtailed due to family illnesses of two members. No significant issues.	
h.	<u>YOUTH</u>	
	No representative	
i.	<u>GRANT LODGE</u>	
	A community asset transfer is being set up. Dry rot was discovered and the Moray Council has funded its treatment.	
j.	<u>SOCIAL MEDIA</u>	
	No update	
k.	<u>CHAIR'S REPORT</u>	
	No report	
l.	<u>SECRETARY'S REPORT</u>	
	Alastair Kennedy advised that Gordon Methven would be standing down as his new role with the street pastors required his attendance at a weekly meeting on a Tuesday evening. Gordon's years of sterling work were noted.	
6.	<u>COMMUNITY PLANNING.</u>	
a.	<u>SPICE</u>	
	Steven Christie reported that SPICE met last Tuesday. Donnie MacLean explained a new system for litter monitoring. Most of the roof top shrubs had been removed in the High Street although some property owners were reluctant. Options for improving the look of the town with flowers and ways to engender community spirit (like Forres) were discussed..	
b.	<u>JCC</u>	
	Local development plan meeting for Thursday 14 th September 2017 has been cancelled. Alastair Kennedy praised those who had helped promote the Community Council Elections. Next meeting is the inaugural JCC meeting in November 2017.	
7.	<u>TREASURER'S REPORT</u>	
	No report. Alastair Kennedy encouraged members to present any expenses timeously.	
8.	<u>ONGOING TOPICS</u>	
a.	<u>PAIN CLINIC</u>	
	Catriona Gray reported that there was a problem with waiting times for repeat appointments because some are as long as a year away. It was noted that unless this was given a target by government it would continue to fail people's expectations. This topic to be added to the meeting with NHS Grampian CEO.	
9.	<u>EVENTS</u>	
a.	<u>TRAINING</u>	
	None	
10.	<u>A.O.C.B.</u>	

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	<p>Alastair Kennedy to order the Remembrance Day Wreaths</p> <p>Alastair Kennedy proposed a donation of £100 to Cedarwood for the use of the venue. This was agreed.</p> <p>James Wiseman had observed that grass cuttings were being left on the paths yet in some places it seemed possible to avoid this. Councillor John Divers advised that this should be taken up by the Community Council with Ken Kennedy.</p>	
11.	<p><u>NEXT MEETING</u></p> <p>This was the final meeting of the session and the date of the next meeting will be advised after the Community Council elections.</p>	
12.	<p><u>CLOSE</u></p> <p>There being no further business the Chair thanked everyone for their work during this session of the Community Council and there was a spontaneous round of applause which closed the meeting.</p>	